

REMARKS

The following remarks are responsive to the Office Action mailed August 7, 2003. Applicants cancel claims 90-126 without prejudice, amend claim 127, and add new claim 135. After amendment, claims 127-135 are pending.

The Examiner objected to claims 127-134 as being dependent upon rejected base claims, but indicated that they would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. With this Amendment, Applicants have rewritten claim 127 in independent form, including the limitations of all intervening claims except intervening claim 126. Applicants submit that claim 127, as amended, is patentable over the cited references. Applicants respectfully submit that the limitations expressed in claim 126 are not necessary to the allowability of claim 127, for at least the reasons stated in the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance. Claims 128-134 are dependent on amended claim 127, and are thus allowable for the same reasons given above for claim 127. Claim 126 has been rewritten as new dependent claim 135, and is also allowable for the same reasons given above for claim 127.

Applicants respectfully submit that, with the entering of the requested amendments, all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicants therefore request the entry of this Amendment and timely allowance of the pending claims.

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated the application does not contain an Abstract. Applicants submit that the Abstract was in fact deposited in the U.S. Patent and Trademark office with the continuation application papers on October 30, 2000. Applicants provide as evidence of deposit a copy of the stamped return postcard showing that Applicants filed with the USPTO, *inter alia*, "Continuation Application (787 pages, including cover sheet)". The last page of the continuation application is page

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785. Thus, including the cover sheet, the Abstract would be page 787. The return postcard itemizing and identifying the items filed and bearing the PTO's official stamp serves as *prima facie* evidence of receipt in the PTO of all items listed on the return postcard. MPEP § 503. Notwithstanding the forgoing, and to expedite prosecution, Applicants enclose a copy of the Abstract.

If the Examiner believes a telephone interview would further expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Karna J. Nisewaner at (650) 849-6643.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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